

U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210. Because the Department continues to experience delays in U.S. mail delivery due to the ongoing concerns involving toxic contamination, commenters should take this into consideration when preparing to meet the deadline for submitting comments.

It is recommended that you confirm receipt of your comment by calling (202) 693-0123 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may call 1-800-877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay H. Oshel, Chief, Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210, [olms-public@dol.gov](mailto:olms-public@dol.gov), (202) 693-1233 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may call 1-800-877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of November 3, 2004, (69 FR 64234) the Department published a request for information from the public to assist the Department in evaluating its methods for determining when a labor organization constitutes a "local," "intermediate" or "national or international" labor organization.

Interested persons were invited to submit comments on or before December 3, 2004. Because union members requested additional time to inform other members about the request for information and to submit comments, the Department has decided to reopen and extend the comment period for 30 days.

The complete request for information remains available on the OLMS Web site at <http://www.olms.dol.gov>. Anyone who is unable to access this information on the Internet can obtain a copy by contacting Kay H. Oshel, Chief, Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210, [olms-public@dol.gov](mailto:olms-public@dol.gov), (202) 693-1233 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may call 1-800-877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of November, 2004.

**Victoria A. Lipnic,**

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**Don Todd,**

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## MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

### Commission Meeting

November 30, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004, and Friday, December 10, 2004, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on December 9, and at 8:30 a.m. on December 10.

Topics for discussion include findings on a congressionally mandated study on specialty hospitals; pay for performance for hospitals, physicians, and home health; and incentives for health care information technology adoption. In addition, the Commission will discuss payment adequacy for hospitals, physicians, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and dialysis. Other topics will include imaging, measuring physician resource use, and other changes to physician payment.

Agendas will be e-mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.MedPAC.gov>).

**ADDRESSES:** MedPAC's address is: 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Suite 9000, Washington, DC 20001. The telephone number is (202) 220-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 220-3700.

**Mark E. Miller,**

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 20, 2004, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on November 18, 2004 to: Julie Rose; Permit No. 2005-016.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The Purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson, Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

All of these meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meeting will no longer be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names